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CONFIGURED TO PROVIDE OUTPUT  
IMAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR IMAGE FILES

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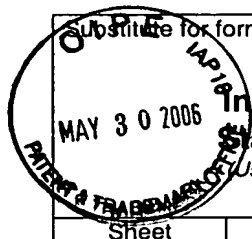
Reference L is in the Japanese language. The relevance of Reference L may be ascertained by reviewing the attached machine-generated English translation of this reference and the corresponding English language abstract (see Reference R).

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